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attention of the citizens of Rolla and the  
traveling community to the claims of this  
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he flatters himself that he is fully pre-  
pared to meet all reasonable demands  
upon him. The hotel will be furnished with  
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furnished throughout in the most modern  
style; with new furniture is now open for  
the reception of travelers and boarders.—  
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situated midway between St. Louis and  
Springfield on the line of the south-western  
branch railroad and is one of the most beau-  
tiful and fast-growing towns in south-west-  
ern Missouri. The Phelps House is now the  
head quarters of the Springfield mail coach-  
es and travelers will find this one of the  
most desirable homes in the west. The pro-  
prietor will devote his whole time to the  
comfort of his guests. His tables will be  
furnished with the best the country affords  
and he hopes, by strict attention to business  
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## UNFORGOTTEN WORDS.

"Have you examined that bill,  
James?"

"Yes, sir."

"Are there any errors?"

"I had two errors."

"Let me see."

"The lad handed his employer a  
long bill, that had been placed on  
the desk for examination.

"Here is an error in the calcula-  
tion of ten dollars, which they have  
made against themselves, and an-  
other error of ten dollars in the foot-  
ing."

"Also against themselves?"

"Yes, sir."

The merchant smiled in a way  
that struck the lad as peculiar.

"Twenty dollars against them-  
selves!" he said, in a kind of pleas-  
ant surprise. "Trusty clerks they  
must have!"

"Shall I correct the mistakes?"  
asked the lad.

"No: let them correct their own  
mistakes. We don't examine bills  
for other people's benefit," replied  
the merchant. It will be time enough  
to rectify these errors when they  
find them. All so much gain, as it  
now stands.

The boy's delicate moral sense  
was shocked at so unexpected a re-  
mark. He was the son of a poor  
widow, who had given him a good  
instruction and taught him that to  
be just was the duty of all men.—  
Mr. Carman, the merchant in whose  
employment he had been for only a  
few months, was an old friend of his  
father, and a person in whom his mo-  
ther reposed the highest confidence.  
In fact, James had always looked  
upon him as a kind of model man;  
and when Mr. Carman agreed to  
take him in his store he felt that a  
great good fortune was in his way.

"Let them correct their own mis-  
takes." The words made a strong  
impression on the mind of James  
Lewis. When first spoken by Mr.  
Carman, and with the meaning then  
involved, he felt, as we have said,  
shocked; but as he turned them over  
and over again in his thoughts and  
connected their utterance with a per-  
son who stood so high in his mother's  
estimation, he began to think that  
perhaps the thing was fair enough  
in business. Mr. Carman was hard-  
ly the man to do wrong.

In a few days after James exam-  
ined the bill, a clerk from the house  
by which it had been rendered called  
for a settlement. The lad, who  
was present, waited with consider-  
able interest, to see whether Mr.  
Carman would speak of the error.  
But he made no remark on the sub-  
ject. A check for the amount of  
the bill, as rendered, was filled up,  
and a receipt taken.

"Is that right?" James asked him-  
self this question. His moral sense  
said no; but the fact that Mr. Car-  
man had so acted bewildered his  
mind.

"But it may be the way in busi-  
ness." So he thought with himself  
—but it don't look honest. I  
would not have believed it of him!"

Mr. Carman had a kind way with  
him that won upon the boy's heart  
and tended to make him judge what-  
ever he might do in the most favor-  
able light.

"I wish he had corrected that er-  
ror," he said to himself a great  
many times, when thinking, in a  
pleased way, of Mr. Carman and  
his own good fortune in being re-  
ceived into his employment. "It  
don't look honest; but still maybe  
it's the way in business."

One day he went to the bank and  
drew the money for a check. In  
counting it over he found the teller  
had paid him fifty dollars too much.  
So he went back to the counter and

told him of the mistake. The teller  
thanked him, and he returned to  
the store with the pleasant con-  
sciousness in his breast of having  
done right.

"The teller overpaid me fifty dol-  
lars," he said to Mr. Carman, as he  
handed him the money.

"Indeed!" replied the latter, a  
light breaking over his countenance.  
And he counted the bank bills.

The light faded as the last bill  
left his fingers.

"There's no mistake." A tone  
of disappointment was in his voice.

"Oh! I gave back the fifty dol-  
lars. Wasn't that right?"

"You simpleton!" exclaimed Mr.  
Carman, "Don't you know that bank  
mistakes are never corrected. If  
the teller had paid you fifty dollar-  
short they would not have made it  
right."

"The warm blood stained the  
checks of James under this reproof.  
It is often the case that more shame  
is felt for a blunder than a crime.—  
In this instance the lad felt a sense  
of mortification at having done  
what Mr. Carman was pleased to  
call a silly thing; and he made up  
his mind that if they should over-  
pay him a thousand dollars at the  
bank he would bring the amount to  
his employer and let him do as he  
pleased.

"Let people look after their own  
mistakes," said Mr. Carman.

James Lewis pondered these  
things in his heart. The impres-  
sion they made was too strong ev-  
er to be forgotten. "It may be  
right," he said to himself, but he  
did not feel altogether satisfied.

A month after the occurrence of  
the bank mistake, as James counted  
over his weekly wages, just received  
from Mr. Carman, he discovered  
that he had been paid half a dollar  
too much. The first impulse of his  
mind was to return the amount to  
his employer, and it was on his lips  
to say, "You have given me too  
much, sir," when the unforgetten  
words, "let people look after their  
own mistakes," flashed upon his  
thoughts, and made him hesitate.—  
To hold a parley with evil is in most  
cases to be overcome.

"I must think about this," said  
James, as he put the money into his  
pocket. "If it is true in one case  
it is true in another. Mr. Carman  
don't correct any of the mistakes  
that people make in his favor; and  
he cannot complain when the rule  
works against himself."

But the boy was very far from  
being in a comfortable state. He  
felt that to keep that half dollar  
would be a dishonest act. Still he  
could not make up his mind to re-  
turn it, at least not then. He would  
retain it for the present and think  
the matter over more carefully.—  
He could, if the case did not prove  
clear on further reflection, make it  
all right again.

To hold a parly with evil, is, as  
we have just said, in most cases to  
be overcome; and it was unhappily  
so in the present case. James did  
not return the half dollar, but spent  
it for his own gratification. After  
he had done this it came suddenly  
into his thought that Mr. Carman  
might only be trying him, and he  
was filled with anxiety and alarm.  
How bitterly did he regret having  
spent the half dollar! For two or  
three days it was as much as he  
could do to keep from starting  
when Mr. Carman spoke to him;  
or to look steadily into his face  
when receiving from him any direc-  
tion. It was his first sad experi-  
ence in wrong doing. But as no  
lack of confidence was betrayed, he  
was assured in a few days.

Not long afterward Mr. Carman

repeated the same mistakes," and  
said he resolutely; "that's the doc-  
trine he acts on with other people,  
and he can't complain if he gets paid  
in the coin he puts in circulation.—  
I just want half a dollar."

From this time, the fine moral  
sense of James Lewis was blunted.  
He had taken an evil counsellor in-  
to his heart, who not only darkened  
his clear perceptions of right, but  
stimulated a spirit of covetousness  
—latent in almost every mind—  
and had caused him to desire the  
possession of things beyond his  
ability to obtain.

James had good business quali-  
ties, and so pleased Mr. Carman by  
his intelligence, industry and tact  
with customers, that he advanced  
him rapidly, and gave him, before  
he was eighteen years of age, the  
most responsible position in the  
store. But James had learned  
something more from his employer  
than how to do business. He had  
learned to be dishonest—that is the  
word. He had never forgotten the  
first lesson that he had received in  
this bad science; and he acted up-  
on it not only in two instances, but  
in a hundred, and almost always to  
the injury of Mr. Carman. He had  
long since ceased waiting for mis-  
takes to be made in his favor but  
originated them in the varied and  
complicated transactions of a large  
business in which he was trusted  
implicitly; for strangely enough it  
had never, for an instant occurred  
to Mr. Carman that his failure to  
be just to the letter, in dealing,  
might prove a snare to this young  
man.

James grew sharp, cunning and  
skillful; always prompt to meet  
any approaches toward a discovery  
of his wrong dealing toward his  
employer, who had held him in the  
highest regard.

Thus it went on until James Lew-  
is was in his twentieth year, when  
the merchant had his suspicion ar-  
roused by a letter that spoke of  
his not keeping the most respecta-  
ble company, and as spending money  
too freely for a clerk on a moder-  
ate salary. Before this time James  
had removed his mother into a  
pleasant house for which he paid  
a rent of four hundred dollars. His  
salary was eight hundred dollars,  
but he deceived his mother by  
telling her that he received fif-  
teen hundred. Every comfort that  
she needed was fully supplied, and  
she was beginning to feel that af-  
ter a long and painful struggle with  
the world her happier days had  
come.

James was at his desk when the  
letter just referred to was received  
by Mr. Carman. Guilt is on the  
alert and suspicious of every move-  
ment that will involve betrayal or  
exposure. He looked stealthily at  
his employer as he opened the let-  
ter, and observed him change coun-  
tenance suddenly. He read it over  
twice, and James saw that the con-  
tents, whatever they were, produc-  
ed disturbance. While he was yet  
observing him, Mr. Carman glance-  
d toward his desk, and their eyes  
met; but the look James received  
made his heart stop beating.

There was something about the  
movements of Mr. Carman for the  
rest of that day that troubled the  
young man. It was plain to him  
that suspicion had been aroused by  
that letter. Oh, how bitterly did  
he repent, in dread of discovery  
and punishment, the evil of which  
he had been guilty! Exposure would  
disgrace and ruin him, and bow the  
head of his mother to the grave.

[To be Continued.]

On! for a line.